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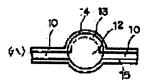
(54) PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide a photovoltaic device which is easy to

manufacture and is excellent in efficiency.

CONSTITUTION: A photovoltaic device comprises an insulating thin film 10, a spherical p-type semiconductor material 12, which is so set as to pierce the insulating thin film 10, an n-type diffused layer 13, which is provided by diffusing n-type semiconductor impurities in the surface of the semiconductor material 12 on one main surface side of the insulating thin film, a translucent electrode 14, which is made to cover each surface of the insulating film 10 and the semiconductor material 12 on the main surface side, and an electrode 15, which is made on the other main surface of the insulating thin film 10.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] An insulating thin film and the spherical 1 conductivity-type semiconductor material by which fitting was carried out so that said insulating thin film might be penetrated. The semi-conductor junction established by making the front face of said semiconductor material by the side of the 1 principal plane of said insulating thin film diffuse another conductivity-types semi-conductor impurity, the electrode of the translucency formed so that each front face of said insulating thin film by the side of said principal plane and said semiconductor material might be covered, and other electrodes formed in the other principal planes of said insulating thin film -- since -- the photoelectromotive-force equipment characterized by becoming.

[Claim 2] The semiconductor material possessing the semi-conductor junction formed along the front face which penetrates the electrode which consists of a metal membrane, and this electrode, and is in the 1 principal-plane side of an electrode at a contact section list with said electrode, In photoelectromotive-force equipment equipped with the insulator layer which covers the other principal planes of said electrode, and the periphery of said semiconductor material exposed to the principal plane side in addition to this Photoelectromotive-force equipment which is said other principal plane side of said semiconductor material, and is characterized by making an electrode form in opening by drilling of the part which is not covered with said insulator layer.

[Claim 3] Photoelectromotive-force equipment characterized by making semi-conductor junction provide in each arrangement section by arranging at least one or more other conductivity-types semiconductor materials on the front face of a spherical 1 conductivity-type semiconductor material.

[Claim 4] The 1 conductivity-type semiconductor material which has the configuration of a multiple drill, and the electrode which consists of a metal put on the base of this semiconductor material. The semiconductor junction which has a plane of composition parallel to this principal plane by diffusing another conductivity-types decision impurity in at least one principal plane other than said base, the metal membrane which is attached so that it may penetrate by the top-most vertices which are on a vertical line to said base among the top-most vertices of said multiple drill, and makes said principal plane and electrical installation — since — the photoelectromotive-force equipment characterized by having the becoming electrode.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

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[Industrial Application] This invention relates to photoelectromotive-force equipment.

[0002]

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[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] This invention makes it that technical problem for manufacture to offer easy and efficient photoelectromotive-force equipment in the photoelectromotive-force equipment of a different type from the photoelectromotive-force equipment of the laminating mold mentioned above. [0005]

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[0012] According to the 4th invention, since incidence of all the light is carried out from across, conversion efficiency improves according to the so-called texture effectiveness. [0013]

[Example] Hereafter, with reference to a drawing, it explains per example of this invention.

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[0038] a front-face side -- thin -- a 50-100A thickness oxide film is formed, and laminating formation of the transparent conductive thin film (ITO) is carried out further.

[0039] The property of the solar battery produced by the producing method shown above is shown in a table 1.

[0040]

[A table 1]

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Voc	0. 56V
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Power	9. 1 mW/cm²

AM1.5 100 mW/cm2 exposure [0041] Next, with reference to <u>drawing 4</u> thru/or <u>drawing 6</u>, it explains about the example of the 4th invention. In this 4th invention, as shown in <u>drawing 4</u>, the silicon component which consists of a regular tetrahedron or a triangular pyramid is used. The silicon component of this regular tetrahedron is formed as follows [a base] at about 0.1-10mm.

[0042] For example, there are an approach of fusing silicon with a mold and making it solidify, the approach of forming the end of a silicon grain by anisotropic etching at the temperature of 85 degrees C the magnitude of about 0.1–10mm of the configuration of this arbitration with NaOH, KOH, etc., etc. [0043] Furthermore, if the liquid phase epitaxy using Sn melt is performed using the bad substrate of leakage nature like an alumina, the silicon of many tetrahedrons can also be formed in the shape of a substrate.

[0044] As shown in <u>drawing 5</u>, n type layer 41 which consists of a regular tetrahedron formed by doing in this way and which n mold impurity diffused in principal planes other than the base of the p type silicon block 42 is formed, and the p/n junction which has a plane of composition parallel to this principal plane is formed, for example. And to the base of the silicon block 40, it penetrates from top-most vertices, a metal membrane 42 is formed on a vertical line, and n type layer 41, the metal membrane 42, and electrical installation of the silicon block 40 are taken.

[0045] Moreover, a metal electrode 44 is formed in the base of the silicon block 40 through an insulating layer 42, and the electrical installation of the p layers and metal electrode 44 of the silicon block 40 is taken.

[0046] Thus, since incidence of the light is altogether carried out from across by forming as shown in drawing 5, conversion efficiency improves according to the so-called texture effectiveness.

[0046] In addition, although the above-mentioned example explained the silicon block of a drawing object, as shown in <u>drawing 6</u>, it can also consist of silicon blocks of the triangle pole.

[Effect of the Invention] As explained above, while being able to form p/n junction at low temperature according to the photoelectromotive-force equipment of the 1st invention, the electrode of translucency can be used as an antireflection film and structure can offer the easy and, easy photoelectromotive-force equipment of manufacture.

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Power	9. 1 mW/cm²

AM1.5 100 mW/cm2 exposure [0041] Next, with reference to <u>drawing 4</u> thru/or <u>drawing 6</u>, it explains about the example of the 4th invention. In this 4th invention, as shown in <u>drawing 4</u>, the silicon component which consists of a regular tetrahedron or a triangular pyramid is used. The silicon component of this regular tetrahedron is formed as follows [a base] at about 0.1-10mm.

[0042] For example, there are an approach of fusing silicon with a mold and making it solidify, the approach of forming the end of a silicon grain by anisotropic etching at the temperature of 85 degrees C the magnitude of about 0.1-10mm of the configuration of this arbitration with NaOH, KOH, etc., etc. [0043] Furthermore, if the liquid phase epitaxy using Sn melt is performed using the bad substrate of leakage nature like an alumina, the silicon of many tetrahedrons can also be formed in the shape of a

substrate.

[0044] As shown in <u>drawing 5</u>, n type layer 41 which consists of a regular tetrahedron formed by doing in this way and which n mold impurity diffused in principal planes other than the base of the p type silicon block 42 is formed, and the p/n junction which has a plane of composition parallel to this principal plane is formed, for example. And to the base of the silicon block 40, it penetrates from top-most vertices, a metal membrane 42 is formed on a vertical line, and n type layer 41, the metal membrane 42, and electrical installation of the silicon block 40 are taken.

[0045] Moreover, a metal electrode 44 is formed in the base of the silicon block 40 through an insulating layer 42, and the electrical installation of the p layers and metal electrode 44 of the silicon block 40 is taken.

[0046] Thus, since incidence of the light is altogether carried out from across by forming as shown in <u>drawing 5</u>, conversion efficiency improves according to the so-called texture effectiveness. [0046] In addition, although the above-mentioned example explained the silicon block of a drawing object, as shown in <u>drawing 6</u>, it can also consist of silicon blocks of the triangle pole.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

- [Drawing 1] It is the sectional view showing the example of the 1st invention according to a process.
- [Drawing 2] It is the sectional view showing the example of the 2nd invention according to a process.
- [Drawing 3] It is the sectional view showing the example of the 3rd invention.
- [Drawing 4] It is the perspective view showing the silicon block used for the 4th invention.
- [Drawing 5] It is the sectional view showing the example of the 4th invention.
- [Drawing 6] It is the perspective view showing other examples of the 4th invention.
- [Description of Notations]
- 10 Insulating Thin Film Substrate
- 12 Silicon Grain
- 14 Transparent Electrode
- 15 Metal Electrode
- 20 Metal Membrane
- 22 Silicon Grain
- 24 Hole
- 25 Aluminum
- 26 Aluminum Thin Film
- 31 Silicon Grain (P Mold)
- 32 Silicon Grain (N Mold)
- 40 Silicon Block

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